STATE OF IOWA

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:

OFFICE OF CONSUMER ADVOCATE,

Petitioner,

DOCKET NO. FCU-03-32 (C-03-62)

VS.

HORIZON TELECOM, INC.,

Respondent.

ORDER APPROVING SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

(Issued July 23, 2003)

On July 15, 2003, the parties to Docket No. FCU-03-32, the Consumer Advocate Division of the Department of Justice and Horizon Telecom, Inc., submitted a joint motion for approval of the settlement agreement contained in the motion. The settlement agreement addresses all issues in the docket.

The settlement agreement is reasonable in light of the record, is in conformance with all applicable statutes and rules, is in the public interest, and will be approved. 199 IAC 7.2(11).

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

The "Joint Motion for Approval of Settlement Agreement" filed in this docket on July 15, 2003, is granted, and the "Settlement Agreement" is approved.

	UTILITIES BOARD
ATTEST:	/s/ Mark O. Lambert
/s/ Judi K. Cooper Executive Secretary	/s/ Elliott Smith

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 23rd day of July, 2003.